Medicare PLUS Blue Group™



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Dear State of Michigan Medicare Member:

Effective January 1, 2008, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) will administer both Medicare and the State Health Plan PPO as a single Medicare Advantage plan called Medicare Plus Blue Group sm. BCBSM has contracted with Medicare next year to handle all claims and related services. The enclosed Summary of Benefits booklet describes the combined plan in detail. You do not need to do anything if you wish to remain enrolled in the State Health Plan, now known as Medicare Plus Blue Group.

Under the Medicare Plus Blue Group, you will have only one comprehensive health plan, one Medicare Plus Blue Group ID card, one Explanation of Benefits and a dedicated Medicare Advantage customer service team to answer your questions. Just as you do today, you may continue to use any Medicare health care provider that accepts the plan's terms and conditions of payment. Although you will be using a new ID card, be sure to retain your original red, white and blue Medicare card.

There will not be any changes to your Dental, Vision and Prescription Drug Plans as the result of implementing the new Medicare Plus Blue Group Plan. However, beginning January 1, 2008, mental health and substance abuse benefits will be covered under the new plan.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this plan, visit BCBSM at www.bcbsm.com, or call Medicare Plus Blue Group Customer Service, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday at 1-888-322-5557, TTY/TDD 1-800-579-0235.

We wish you good health.

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Sincerely,

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